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Communists Charge Morrell Circulated 'Slanderous' Papers

By the Associated Press

MOSCOW, Aug. 8—The Communist youth newspaper Komsomol Pravda says American exchange student Edwin Morrell, 30, left slanderous, anti-Communist literature in the rooms of fellow students at Moscow University.

Mr. Morrell, another American and three British students were accused by the Russians of trying to ferret out Soviet secrets and of carrying on anti-Communist activities. All five have left Russia.

[Mr. Morrell, at his Salt Lake City, Utah, home, told reporters Sunday the only reading material he had left around his room was Time Magazine and the New York Times, which he subscribed to. He said Russian students used to come to his room to read the two publications.]

Last week another Soviet newspaper, Trud, said Mr. Morrell was expelled from Russia for espionage. Mr. Morrell called this ridiculous and untrue.

The U. S. Embassy in Moscow denied the charge, too, and said Mr. Morrell was expelled from the university because of a dispute over a thesis he was writing on Communist leadership in Soviet trade unions.

Komsomol Pravda also said the other American student, whom they called "Stanley D. Crebby," had served with the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) before coming here as a student. The paper said this information was revealed in a news story by the Waco, Tex., Times-Herald.

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